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From: Commanding General
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Subj: SMALL ARMS MARKSMANSHIP COMPETITION

Ref: (a) MCO 3591.2J
(b) MCO 3574.2H
(c) MCO 8373.2E
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(e) MCO P3590.13B

Encl: (1) Local Match Competition Program
(2) Competition-in-Arms Program (CIAP)
(3) Authorized Competitor Events
(4) Awards

Reports Required: I. Quarterly Physical Inventory of Competition Rifle and Pistol Equipment. (Report Symbol 29P-3591-01), par. 4e(4)
II. Local Match Results (Report Symbol 29P-3591-02) par. 4e(6)
III. Annual Funds and Ammunition Expenditures (Report Symbol 29P-3591-03) par. 4e (7)
IV. Proposed Annual Shooting Schedule and Budget Request (Report Symbol 29P-3591-04) par. 4e(8)

1. Purpose. To promulgate information and procedures concerning the local match competition program and the Competition-in-Arms Program as it pertains to the MCAGCC Twentynine Palms, California and the issue and/or recovery of Marine Corps authorized match conditioned weapons and equipment as outlined in reference (a).

2. Cancellation. CCO 3591.1B.

3. Information

a. Objectives

(1) To enhance the marksmanship proficiency and combat readiness of the Marine Corps by:

(a) Developing and maintaining a population base of Marines aboard the Combat Center with high skill levels in rifle and pistol marksmanship, to serve as marksmanship instructors, coaches and range operation personnel.

(b) Stimulating interest and desire on the part of the individual Marine for the improvement of skill and confidence with the service rifle and pistol.

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(2) To gain and maintain the ability to compete and win, as teams and individuals, in the Western Division Matches, Marine Corps, Interservice and National Matches; and to provide competitors for United States teams in international matches.

b. Competitive marksmanship programs within the Marine Corps provide for competition at all levels and should, in all cases, be designed to support the Marksmanship Training Program established by reference (b).

c. The local match program (as authorized by Headquarters Marine Corps and outlined in enclosure (1)) provides a means whereby the Commanding General, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC), establishes a local team comprised of Marines from the resident commands of the MCAGCC, for competition with other commands and in civilian matches. In addition to the training benefits derived from such participation by individual members of the command, it enables the Commanding General to identify Marines who possess above average interest and skills in marksmanship. Since motivation and skill are key characteristics of the dedicated, productive instructor, these Marines should provide a highly qualified nucleus around which the command's marksmanship training program can be structured. In addition, through this program, individuals with exceptional skills as marksmen can be identified and considered for training as scout snipers.

d. The Competition-in Arms Program (as outlined in enclosures (2) and (3)) includes division matches conducted in several geographical areas and culminates in the Marine Corps Matches. (The words "Western Division Matches" as used herein will refer to the division match that teams from the MCAGCC will participate in each year during the months of March and April at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, CA). The Western Division Matches includes instructional training and match firing phases with the service rifle and pistol. The MCAGCC Marksmanship Program should, to the maximum extent possible, use Marines trained in the Competition-in-Arms Program to provide instruction, coaching and the operation of ranges. Additionally, those individuals identified as potential scout snipers should be afforded the earliest opportunity to participate in the Competition-in-Arms Program to enhance their abilities prior to that assignment.

e. Marines from the MCAGCC teams who demonstrate exceptional ability and finish in the top 10% of all competitors at the Western Division Matches with the rifle, pistol or both will receive awards delineated in enclosure (4). Additionally, their orders will be endorsed for further participation at the Marine Corps Matches held annually during April and May at the Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia.

f. Competition Rifle and Pistol (CRP) equipment to support participation in the local match and the Competition-in-Arms programs will be obtained under the provisions of reference (c) and match ammunition will be requisitioned in accordance with the provisions of reference (d).

g. Costs associated with participation in the Western Division Matches will be budgeted for, by the team's parent command in accordance with appropriate directives. Costs associated with participation in the Marine Corps Matches will be funded by Headquarters, Marine Corps (Code 468-1).

h. Participation in Competitive Shooting

(1) Participation by individuals in marksmanship programs, although sometimes requiring their absence from other assignments, should be recognized by commanding officers as a positive contribution to Marine Corps Marksmanship. Appropriate recognition of this should be given in fitness reports, meritorious

masts, appropriate ceremonies for presentation of awards, or by any other means which will enhance the prestige of competing.

(2) Commanding officers will place continuing emphasis on the local match competition program and the Competition-in-Arms Program, and will ensure that adequate recognition is given to participating shooters. Commanding officers will ensure that individuals are in no way adversely affected by their absence from other assignments when participating in marksmanship programs.

4. Action

a. The Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center will establish a team comprised of Marines from all resident commands of the Combat Center for participation in the local match competition program. The Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center will establish a team comprised of Marines from Headquarters Battalion, MCCES, and ~~CSSE-1~~ Naval Hospital for participation in the Competition-in-Arms Program.

b. Fleet Marine Force units resident to the Combat Center, not included in paragraph 4a above, will form teams for participation in the Competition-in-Arms Program per the provisions of reference (a).

c. Director, Operations and Training Directorate

(1) Assume cognizance over the functions, funding and control of the MCAGCC Rifle and Pistol team.

(2) Originate a letter of appointment from the Commanding General to the Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of the MCAGCC Rifle and Pistol team (usually the OIC of the Combat Center Marksmanship Training Unit).

d. Director, Installations and Logistics Directorate. Maintain the match grade ammunition as requested by the OIC, MCAGCC Rifle and Pistol team in accordance with reference (d).

e. Director, Comptroller Directorate. Budget for support of the MCAGCC Rifle and Pistol team. These funds are to be assigned to the Director, O&T, for use in supporting the MCAGCC Rifle and Pistol team as defined in this order.

f. OIC, MCAGCC Rifle and Pistol teams:

(1) Select, equip, and train Marines with demonstrated skills in rifle and/or pistol marksmanship to serve as competitors representing the MCAGCC local match competition and the Competition-in-Arms Program.

(2) Conduct the Annual Intramural Rifle and Pistol Competition Program during ~~January/February~~ October of each year.

(3) Control the issue, recovery, and upkeep of all CRP weapons and equipment in support of the MCAGCC team.

(4) Conduct a quarterly physical inventory of CRP weapons and equipment and report the results to the Director, O&T and to the Supply Officer, Weapons Training Battalion, Quantico, VA. (Report Symbol 29P-3591-01)

(5) Submit requests for TAD orders for local match competition and the Competition-in-Arms Program to the Director, O&T ten working days in advance of each match.

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(6) Report match results to the Director, O&T within five working days after each match (Report Symbol 29P-3591-02).

(7) Report annual funds and ammunition expenditures to the Commandant of the Marine Corps (Codes TDG and LMG) via the Director, O&T, no later than 30 October of each year (Report Symbol 29P-3591-03).

(8) Submit the yearly proposed shooting schedule and budget request to the Director, O&T, no later than 1 March of year and submit a copy to the MCAGCC Comptroller (Report Symbol 29P-3591-04).

(9) Publish a quarterly training plan for the MCAGCC Rifle and Pistol Team.

(10) Supervise the functions of the CRP armorer. Ensure team training on the proper care, cleaning, storage, and transportation of CRP weapons and equipment is conducted by the CRP armorer.

i. Commanding Officers

(1) To the extent possible, make identified members of the MCAGCC shooting team available to participate in the local match competition and the Competition-in-Arms Programs.

(2) Ensure individuals are in no way adversely affected by their absence from other assignments when participating in the local match program or the Competition-in-Arms Program.

(3) Ensure that each separate company or battalion fields a minimum of one team during the intramural matches. A team consists of four shooting members; one officer and at least one sergeant or below; the other members may be of any rank. The team may have a coach, who may be one of the firing members. Team members in all cases should be the best qualified marksmen within the company or battalion, not quota fillers.

5. Applicability. This order is applicable to all commands and organizations aboard the Combat Center.



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From: Commanding General, Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command,
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1. Situation. To direct a pen change to the Combat Center Order 3591.1C.

2. Mission

a. On page 3 paragraph 4, subparagraph a, change the CSSG-1 to Naval Hospital.

b. On page 3 paragraph 4, subparagraph f(2) change January/February to October.

3. Certification. Reviewed and approved this date.

4. Filing Instructions. File immediately behind the signature page of the basic Order.

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LOCAL MATCH COMPETITION PROGRAM

1. Scope. The local match competition program provides a means whereby the Commanding General establishes the MCAGCC Rifle and Pistol Team for competition with other commands, competition in local civilian matches, and competition in certain events listed in enclosure (3) (e.g., the Interservice Matches).

2. Funding. Cost of participating in the local match competition program will be managed by the Director, O&T, who will issue the orders for those participating.

3. Implementation. To implement the local match competition program, action will be taken as follows:

a. The Commanding General will organize a rifle and pistol team comprised of members from the resident commands of the MCAGCC. One combined team will be formed for all local match competitions.

(1) The team will be operated so as to increase the combat marksmanship capability of all the commands represented.

(2) New and inexperienced shooters who show exceptional promise will be encouraged to participate. Marines who cannot produce competitive scores consistently, or whose services are not essential as instructors or coaches, shall not be assigned to the team.

(3) Formal training schedules will be established and adhered to.

b. Thirty days after the end of the fiscal year, the OIC of the MCAGCC Rifle and Pistol Team will submit a report of local appropriated funds and ammunition expenditures to the Director, O&T, via the OIC, Marksmanship Training Unit, for consolidation and further submission to the Commandant of the Marine Corps. (TDG and LMG), respectively. The proper format for this report is found in enclosure (1) of MCO 3591.2J.

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COMPETITION-IN-ARMS PROGRAM1. Scope

a. The Competition-in-Arms Program includes Division Rifle and Pistol Matches, conducted during March and April of each year at Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Ca. And the Marine Corps Rifle and Pistol Matches conducted during April and May of each year at the Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia.

b. A complete division match program includes the following:

(1) Instruction in advanced marksmanship techniques, and range operation procedures conducted by the Marksmanship Training Unit, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, Virginia.

(2) Training and practice firing with the M16A2 service rifle and the 9mm pistol.

(3) Competition in individual and team events with the M16A2 service rifle and the 9mm service pistol.

c. The Marine Corps Matches are preceded by one week of instruction and two weeks of training. The Marine Corps Matches include:

(1) Instruction in advanced marksmanship techniques, and range operation procedures conducted by the Marksmanship Training Unit, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, Virginia.

(2) Training and practice with the M16A2 service rifle/the M14 match rifle and the M1911 .45 cal match pistol.

(3) Competition in individual and team events with the M16A2 service rifle, the 9mm service pistol, the M14 match rifle, and the M1911 .45 cal match pistol.

2. Command Quotas For Division Matches

a. Participant quotas for Division Matches are assigned to ensure the maintenance of a population base of skilled marksmanship instructors within the individual commands located aboard MCAGCC. Quotas are based on actual strength (all Marines joined, chargeable). An individual may fill both one rifle and one pistol quota for the purposes of the Division Matches.

b. Regular Established Quotas. Quotas listed below are minimum. Requests for reduction, with justification, will be submitted to CG MCCDC (C465-1) at the earliest practical time after the dates of the matches are announced. The following quotas apply to rifle and pistol competitors:

Actual Strength
Joined, Chargeable

MCAGCC Quota

76-300

One rifle competitor or one pistol competitor or both. Organizations are encouraged to enter a team of one officer and three enlisted Marines in appropriate team matches.

301-600

One rifle competitor of each 300 Marines and one competitor for the remaining fraction thereof. One pistol competitor for each 450 Marines and one competitor for the remaining fraction thereof. Organizations are encouraged to enter a team consisting of one officer and three enlisted Marines in appropriate team matches.

601 or more

One rifle competitor for each 300 Marines and one competitor for the remaining fraction thereof. One pistol competitor for each 450 Marines and one competitor for the remaining fraction thereof. Organizations will enter at least two teams in appropriate rifle and pistol team trophy matches.

3. Basic Competitor Eligibility. All officers and enlisted Marines are eligible to participate in the Competition-in-Arms Program provided they meet the following requirements:

a. Qualified as sharpshooter or higher with the service rifle; no qualification is required for pistol competitors; however, Marines will be thoroughly screened to ensure that the best qualified are selected for participation.

b. Not convicted by a court-martial within six months from the announced date of the Western Division Matches.

c. Not scheduled to be separated from the Marine Corps or released from active duty prior to 30 September of the year in which competing. Extensions of enlistment that will qualify competitors under this paragraph must be executed prior to the Marines arrival at the division match site.

4. Instructions for the MCAGCC Rifle and Pistol Team

a. Marines participating in the Competition-in-Arms Program are first ordered to the Western Division Match where they must place in the medal awards bracket of the individual service rifle or pistol match to qualify for competition in the Marine Corps Matches. For the MCAGCC team, drawn for the Western Division matches from HQBn, MCCES and CSSG-1, Director, O&T, will obligate travel and per diem costs up to and including the date the competitors return to MCAGCC or until orders are endorsed by the host commander of the Division Matches directing the competitors to compete in the Marine Corps Matches.

The Commandant of the Marine Corps (C468-1) funds competitors ordered to the Marine Corps Matches.

b. In selecting Marines to participate in the Competition-in-Arms Program specified in paragraph 2 above, commanders should review the requirements outlined in reference (b) and select those Marines who are likely to be used in a marksmanship training or scout sniper capacity. Information as to the estimated number of Marines who will be attending the Western Division Matches and the estimated date of departure will be submitted by the Director, O&T, no later than 30 days prior to the date competitors are required to report to the host commander, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton.

c. Selected Marines will be ordered to report to the Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, on the reporting dates specified in the Marine Corps Bulletin announcing the annual Competition-in-Arms Program. Marines so ordered will report with the following:

(1) Service record or officer qualification record. (Caution should be exercised to ensure that all entries have been made in accordance with current directives.)

(2) Health record.

(3) Dental record.

(4) Thirty-five copies of original orders.

AUTHORIZED COMPETITOR EVENTS

1. The Interservice Matches

a. On 18 November 1960, the four service chiefs signed a memorandum of understanding, since modified, regarding interservice small arms competitions. The competitions are open to all components of the Armed Forces.

b. The National Guard conducts interservice pistol matches, the Army conducts interservice international-type matches, and the Marine Corps conducts interservice rifle matches.

c. These matches are conducted as invitational matches by host services or through local rifle and pistol clubs. Invitations, in the form of official programs, are mailed by the sponsoring club or organization directly to known interested commands and service individuals. For MCAGCC personnel, funding for these matches must be approved by the Director, O&T.

2. The National Matches

a. The National Matches are conducted annually at Camp Perry, Ohio. See reference (e) for rules and regulations.

b. The National Matches are composed of:

- (1) Small arms firing school.
- (2) National Trophy Rifle and Pistol Matches (Individual and Team).
- (3) National Rifle Association of America Championships.

c. The Marine Corps is officially represented at the National Matches only by the Marine Corps shooting teams and the Marine Corps Reserve shooting teams.

d. Marines other than members of the Marine Corps shooting teams may not compete in the National Matches. This restriction does not apply to Marines who qualify under reference (e) for competition in the National Trophy Rifle and Pistol Championships (individually), or under regulations set forth by the NRA for competition in NRA Championships, and who compete there in their individual capacities while in a leave status.

3. In addition to the events described above Marines are authorized to compete in any other registered and approved National Rifle Association (NRA) match.

AWARDS

1. Regardless of the level or sponsorship of the competitions, Marine competitors receiving governmental support (weapons, ammunition, equipment, per diem, travel, funds, registration, and entry fees) may not accept cash awards in recognition of their accomplishments. The acceptance of NRA award points in recognition of marksmanship proficiency is authorized. Commanders may procure prizes with unit recreation fund for marksmanship competitors in accordance with current regulations. Prizes will not be given to participants in any competition for which the Commandant has provided awards.

2. MCAGCC Intramural Rifle and Pistol Individual and Team Awards

a. Intramural match awards will be procured by the Director, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (Recreation Services Officer), and will be presented by the Commanding General or his designated representative. The awards presentation will take place at the Combat Center Rifle Range upon completion of the annual intramural rifle/pistol matches.

b. Listed below are the awards that will be issued to individuals and teams.

(1) Individual Rifle. First, second, and third place winners will each receive a trophy appropriate to their standing.

(2) Individual Pistol. First, second, and third place winners will each receive a trophy appropriate to their standing.

(3) Individual Rifle/Pistol Aggregate. First, second, and third place winners will each receive a trophy appropriate to their standing.

(4) Rifle Team. A perpetual team trophy will be awarded to the winning rifle team to be retained by the unit until next year's competition.

(a) In addition, each member of the winning rifle team and their coach will receive a trophy.

(b) Second place winners, including their coach, will be awarded an appropriate trophy.

(5) Pistol Team. A perpetual team trophy will be awarded to the winning pistol team to be retained by the unit until next year's competition.

(a) In addition, each member of the winning pistol team and their coach will receive a trophy.

(b) Second place winners, including their coach, will be awarded an appropriate trophy.

(6) Combat Infantry Trophy Team Match. A perpetual combat infantry team trophy will be awarded to the winning team to be retained by the unit until next year's competition.

(a) In addition, each member of the winning team, including their coach, will receive a trophy.

(b) Second place winners, including their coach, will be awarded an appropriate trophy.

3. Individual Awards in Division and Marine Corps Matches. In the Division and Marine Corps Individual Rifle and Pistol Matches, gold, silver, and bronze competition badges (commonly referred to as "leg" medals) will be awarded to the highest scoring non-distinguished Marines Corps and Marine Corps Reserve competitors in accordance with enclosure (6) of reference (a).

4. Team Awards in Division and Marine Corps Matches.

a. Team trophy matches in which the MCAGCC Rifle and Pistol Team will be competing for during the Western Division Matches are:

(1) San Diego Bear Trophy (rifle)

(2) Holcomb Trophy (pistol)

b. The registered coach and shooting members of winning teams in trophy matches will be awarded appropriate gold badges.

5. Distinguished Badges

a. Awards of distinguished marksman or distinguished pistol shot will be awarded on the basis of individual unassisted performance in recognized individual matches as follows:

(1) Division Matches.

(2) Marine Corps Matches.

(3) National Trophy Individual Matches (National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice (NBPRP)).

(4) Interservice Matches.

(5) NBPRP Regional and State "Leg" Matches.

b. The above listed matches are the only authorized matches in which Marines may participate for credit towards a distinguished badge without prior approval from Headquarters Marine Corps (Code 465-1).